

16th January 2025

LONGSTOWE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday 16th January at 7.15pm

Present: Cllr Barbara Copper (chairperson items 84 – 91)
Cllr Will Bevan (chairperson items 81 - 83)
Cllr Mrs Bobbie Coe
Cllr Ben Holland
Cllr Peter White
Sharon Brown (Clerk)

Also present: District Councillor Tumi Hawkins and County Councillor Mark Howell.

OPEN FORUM

No matters were raised.

81 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Christine Morton, Skylark editor. Cllr Cooper apologised that she had been unable to attend the beginning of the meeting.

82 MEMBERS' DECLARATION OF INTEREST FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None

83 TO SIGN AND APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the last meeting were proposed by Cllr White, seconded by Cllr Holland and unanimously approved.

84 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

District Councillor Tumi Hawkins provided a written report: There was discussion of the SCDC 4-day week. The Parish Council **considers** that a public consultation would be beneficial, so as to clarify the views of local tax payers.

County Councillor Mark Howell highlighted:

- a) Devolution White Paper: the changes may in place by 2027/28.
- b) Adult Social Care: in the context of the government devolution proposal, Adult Social Care and the cost savings achieved by a larger service without detriment to caring, need careful consideration.
- c) Foster Carers: a new campaign for extra foster carers is coming forward. There is a great need for new carers.
- d) LED street lights: over the next two years all CCC managed street lights will be changed to LED lamps with consequent energy and cost savings.

85 MATTERS ARISING/TO REPORT FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES (FOR INFORMATION ONLY) – COUNCIL TO REPORT THE FOLLOWING

None.

86 FINANCE

- a) Accounts update - mid-Dec 2024– mid-Jan 2025: **Noted.**
- b) Longstowe Village Hall: Playground Insurance reimbursement (2023-24) DC £169.69: **Noted.**
- c) Longstowe Village Hall: Playground Insurance reimbursement (2024-25) DC £197.41: **Noted.**
- d) Bus shelters cleaning 2024.– annual invoice, Mr M Murden, £150.00: **Agreed.**
- e) Clerk's Pay and Expenses mid-Dec 2024 – mid-Jan 2025 £191.78 HMRC £47.80: **Agreed.**

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87 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

None.

88 TO CONSIDER OTHER MATTERS

- a) Village sign funding: the Community Chest application is being considered by the Grants Advisory Committee, SCDC on the 30th January. **Agreed**, Cllr Cooper will respond to a resident concerning fund-raising and donations for the sign.
- b) Dial-a-ride bus services – update: **Noted**, the TIGER scheme funded by CPCA (Cambridge & Peterborough Combined Authority) is now available for the Longstowe area.
- c) Village Hall update: The upgrade work on the toilets has started and should be finished at the end of January.
- d) LHI round 2024/25 – application submission: **Noted**, the application for a MVAS and posts has been submitted detailing the agreed £1000 contribution from the Parish Council. A response is expected by mid-May.

89 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Correspondence for discussion at the Parish Council meeting; details are available from the Clerk.

- a) East West Rail scoping report consultation: this consultation concerns the scope of the forthcoming Environmental Impact Assessment. **Noted**.

90 SYKLARK – TO CONSIDER ANY EDITORIAL ISSUES

Cllr Coe **agreed** to read the final draft of each issue. **Noted**, copy is required for mid-February, with printing at the end of February.

91 DATE OF THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: THURSDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2025, AT 7.15PM, AT LONGSTOWE VILLAGE HALL.

Signed by
Chairperson

Date

February 2024